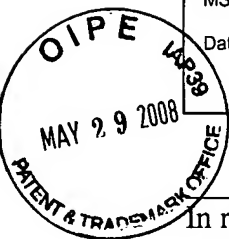


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Dear Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the outstanding Final Office Action, February 25, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1-15, 17, and 18, in connection with the above application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-15, 17, and 18 constitute the pending claims in the present application. Claims 1-15, 17, and 18 stand rejected. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks. Issues raised by the Office will be addressed below in the order they appear in the prior Office Action.

Claim rejections under 35 USC §101

Claims 1-15, 17, and 18 are rejected as allegedly failing to be supported by either a specific, substantial, and credible asserted utility or a well-established utility. Specifically, the Office states,